



OREGON AREA FOOD PANTRY

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Mission:

The mission of the Oregon Area Food Pantry (OAFP) is to provide food and basic necessities to those in need who are residents of the Oregon School District.



Vision:

The vision of the OAFP is to reduce the impact of poverty on the residents of the Oregon School District by compassionately and humbly providing information, education and both tangible and intangible resources.

Distribution Dates & Times

APRIL

Saturday, April 3 (NEW) 9-11 am
 Tuesday, April 6 9-11 am
 Thursday, April 8 4-6 pm
 Tuesday, April 13 9-11 am
 Tuesday, April 20 9-11 am
 Tuesday, April 27 9-11 am
 Thursday, April 29 4-6 pm

MAY

Saturday, May 1 (NEW) 9-11 am
 Tuesday, May 4 9-11 am
 Tuesday, May 11 9-11 am
 Thursday, May 13 4-6 pm
 Tuesday, May 18 9-11 am
 Tuesday, May 25 9-11 am
 Thursday, May 27 4-6 pm

JUNE

Tuesday, June 1 9-11 am
 Saturday, June 5 (NEW) No Distribution, No Donations
 Tuesday, June 8 9-11 am
 Thursday, June 10 4-6 pm
 Tuesday, June 15 9-11 am
 Tuesday, June 22 9-11 am
 Thursday, June 24 4-6 pm



Director's Corner

As I write this, spring is in the air. The trees are starting to bud and temperatures are rising. One can look at it as a new beginning.

Students are starting to return to school along with school activities. Young and old, we are looking to get outside for walks, bike rides, boating, new adventures and especially spending time with family and friends.

I hope spring brings you a newness and appreciation of each and every day.

Diane Sliter
Managing Director



*It's the friends
we meet
along the way
that help us
appreciate the
journey.*

~Author Unknown



Please Note ... Change in Pantry Hours

Pantry hours are changing slightly. We will continue to be open every Tuesday morning from 9:00—11:00 am.

Our Thursday distribution will continue to be the second and last Thursday of each month, but the new time will now be from 4:00—6:00 pm.

We have also added the FIRST Saturday of each month from 9:00—11:00 am.



Personal Grocery List Now Available

A shopping list is now being offered to each guest when they arrive for distribution. This is their personal grocery list. No more receiving items that are not wanted.

Volunteers fill each individual list with the items and quantities. Boxes are then placed in pantry guest vehicle.

Curb side pickup is still in place and will continue at least into the fall.

A Note of Appreciation for OAFP Volunteers

What a curious year to be giving away food in Oregon. As a volunteer with the food pantry for lo these many years, my job has been to show up and do what I'm told. My training as a volunteer started as a boy with the Cub Scouts and 4-H and what I learned is that you show up and you say those four little words: How can I help? It is a pleasure to know that my volunteer colleagues somehow seem to have had the same training as me!

What our leaders assemble week-in and week-out is a complicated recipe that accepts ingredients from several sources and somehow delivers sustenance with flexibility, and patience, and good humor.

I have never met a volunteer who did not return a smile with a bigger smile, who would not move a mountain to make sure a mother got cereal for her children, and who would help not only a client, but another volunteer. I am constantly amazed at the ability of this pantry to consistently find ways to say yes.

So this turns into a sort of love note to my colleagues on the lines at the Oregon Food Pantry, many of whom I have never met. During these extraordinary times, I am honored to work with and for extraordinary people. Your good work does make the world, starting in Oregon, a better place.

~George Hesselberg